



## Washington Update

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Welcome to my Washington Update, an e-mail newsletter for the constituents of California's 29th Congressional District. Through these quick-read updates, I hope to keep you informed of progress being made in Washington, D.C. and at home on public policy issues of interest to our communities.

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### Schiff Calls for Comprehensive Plan to Combat Avian Flu

For the past several years public health officials have warned of a possible global pandemic of avian flu that could kill millions worldwide. Congressman Adam Schiff is an original co-sponsor of the AVIAN Act of 2005, a bill that requires the federal government to create plans for and respond to a pandemic outbreak. It orders the procurement of antiviral treatments and vaccines for a Strategic National Stockpile. The bill also promotes increased research in the pandemic flu, its vaccines and treatments, and expands efforts to prevent pandemic avian flu both domestically and internationally.

"The threat of avian flu is real and there is growing evidence that we do not have much time to prepare. The federal government must take immediate action to combat pandemic flu," said Schiff. To watch Congressman Schiff's entire speech on the House floor please [click here](#).

### Two Community Events Saturday!

Congressman Schiff will host two community events tomorrow:

- **Service Academy Day:** Students interested in applying for admission to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the Naval Academy at Annapolis or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point are invited to come and learn about the application and selection process. Information will be available on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Glendale American Legion (714 W. Wilson Avenue) from 10:00 am- 11:30 am. For more information on Service Academy applications please [click here](#).

- **"Lessons Learned From Katrina--Are We Prepared?" A Special Town Hall Meeting:** Join Congressman Schiff, Sheriff Lee Baca, Dr. Lucy Jones, and local emergency management officials to discuss how the 29<sup>th</sup> district is preparing for a natural disaster or terrorist attack. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn what every family should know to be prepared. The meeting will take place at The South Pasadena Library, 1115 El Centro Street, at 2 pm.

For more information on either event please contact Schiff's Pasadena office at (626) 304-2727.

### **Resolution Congratulating Israel Passes Committee**

For the first time in 50 years an Israeli is serving as Vice-President of the United Nations General Assembly. Congressman Schiff introduced a resolution in July with Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH), Vice-Chairman of the Middle East and Central Asia Subcommittee applauding the election of Israel's Ambassador as Vice-President and calls on Congress to support continued expansion of Israel's role at the United Nations. The House International Relations Committee passed the resolution last Friday.

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